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Amendment and Response to Office Action
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Applicants: Manolagas et al.

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Title: METHODS OF SCREENING FOR APOPTOSIS-CONTROLLING AGENTS
FOR BONE ANABOLIC THERAPIES AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2000 concerning the above
identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 6-14 and 17-19.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method of increasing the lifespan of osteoblasts in a bone-
containing host in need of preventing bone loss or stimulating bone formation, comprising the

step of:

administering therapeutically effective dosages of isolated parathyroid fragment wherein
said parathyroid fragment is parathyroid hormone (1-34), to said host.